



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8728**  
Norio KIMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2000\_1761A  
Serial No. 09/742,386 : Group Art Unit 1763  
Filed December 22, 2000 : Examiner Karla A. Moore  
**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR** : **Mail Stop: Amendment**  
**PROCESSING SEMICONDUCTOR**  
**SUBSTRATE**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975